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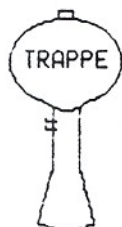
S.H.A. TO MEET WITH TOWN OFFICIALS - In response to a letter generated by local citizens regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Rt. 50 and Rt. 565 & Barber Road, the State Highway Administration (SHA) has offered to meet with interested parties in mid-May to discuss recommendations. The SHA is currently analyzing data regarding accident history, travel speeds, and traffic volume at that intersection. The Town Commissioners should be hearing from Robert Kiel, the District Traffic Engineer, in the next few weeks to set a time. The general public is invited to attend. Watch the Star Democrat for the meeting date and time.

Amendments to the water and sewer policies in the Town Code have been proposed and a draft of the recommended changes is available in the Town office. Interested citizens are encouraged to review these suggested proposed amendments and submit comment as soon as possible. Action will be taken on these amendments at the next Town meeting.

CHARTER AMENDMENT PASSES- Charter Amendment # 3-94 was adopted unanimously. This amendment designates the procedure for filling vacancies on the Town Council. This amendment, plus the other two which were adopted at the previous Town meeting will be advertised in the Star Democrat.

PREVIOUSLY OWNED TOWER CONSIDERED-

The Commissioners have authorized an inspection of a used water tower to determine its suitability for the Town of Trappe as part of the Water Storage and Distribution System upgrade. A re-erected water tank that has been kept in good condition and erected properly has the same life expectancy as a new one. If suitable, The tank will be located in a secluded corner of Town Park.



WASTEWATER CONTRACT AWARDED- The winning proposal for the Wastewater system upgrade went to Davis, Bowen, and Friedel (DB&F). The Commissioners wish to thank everyone who submitted

proposals. Overall, the quality of the proposals was excellent which made choosing one out of all the possibilities very difficult. However, the Commissioners are in agreement that selecting DB&F to do the work is an excellent choice.

BUDGET PRESENTED- The FY95 budget was presented and discussed briefly. A special meeting will be held on May 18th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Budget and the Tax Rate. A public hearing will be held June 1st, at 7:00 p.m. to hear comment on the Budget and Tax Rate.



RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED- The Commissioners regretfully announce the resignation of Barry Griffith, Chairman of the Planning Commission. Barry will be moving out of the area soon. The Commissioners thank Barry for his invaluable assistance with the Planning Commission and especially with his assistance in getting the Trappe Comprehensive Plan revision process started. The Commissioners wish he and his family well in their future endeavors.

Other resignations the Commissioners want to announce include the Town Clerk, Jill Christopher, and the Zoning Administrator, Roy Knouse. The Commissioners thank both of these individuals for their past service and wish them well in the future.

These resignations obviously leave vacancies and anyone interested in applying should contact the Town Office with a letter of interest. The Town of Trappe does have two individuals who have offered to fill positions on a temporary basis. They are JoAnne Thume, in the position of Acting Town Clerk, and Don English, in the position of Acting Zoning Administrator. Please take a moment to welcome these two to their new positions.

OFFICE HOURS TO BE EXTENDED- The Commissioners have voted to increase the office hours from three to four hours per morning, with some flexibility, depending on the needs of the individual filling the position. The exact hours will be posted when the position has been filled but will be in the range of between 8:00 a.m. & 1 p.m. The evening hour, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, remains unchanged.

STORMWATER ORDINANCE TO CHANGE- The Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the County Stormwater Management Ordinance and to ask the County to serve as the Enforcing Officer. The rationale for this decision was that the County has the resources to provide this service much more efficiently than the Town of Trappe. The Town of Trappe must have the approval of the Talbot County Council before this action becomes official and that is currently being addressed.

APPRECIATION BUT NO DINNER- The Annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner will not be held this year. Another event is being planned instead as a way to say thank you to all of those who give so generously of their time and talent.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GIVEN DONATION- The Commissioners voted to make a \$300 donation to the Trappe Volunteer Fire Department for their help this winter in pumping out the pond in Lakeview. Due to the heavy rains, the pond reached full capacity and was still rising. The Commissioners appreciated their assistance in removing some of the extra water and wanted to make a contribution towards their expenses.

PROPOSALS REQUESTED- Bids for snow removal services for the winter of 94-95 are currently being advertised. Bids for street and sidewalk repair are also currently being advertised. Interested parties should contact the Town Office for further information at 476-3170.

ABOUT TOWN

TCAT NEWS- TCAT (the Trappe Community Action Team) continues to meet on a regular basis to plan upcoming events. TCAT is made of people who are interested in providing some community activities which are shared across ages, races, and genders, and whose overall purpose is to have FUN together in a non-drug or alcoholic environment. TCAT will be accepting names for new board members for the upcoming year at the May meeting. If any of this sounds interesting to you and you would like to participate in any way, please contact Holly Wieland at 476-5297 or Jackie Dungan at 476-5357 or Kenny Camper at 819-8067.

TEACHER APPRECIATION-

The Trappe Town Commissioners acknowledge the first week of May as Teacher Appreciation Week and doff their hats to the excellent work of teachers everywhere, and especially to those at the White Marsh Elementary School. The WMES PTA sponsored a week of teacher appreciation activities that concluded with giving teachers a Friday afternoon off. The classrooms were supervised by parent volunteers for the last 45 minutes. What a fine example of working together!



SURPRISE PARTY INVITATION- You are cordially invited to a surprise farewell party for Arelela Cray. After thirty wonderful years of teaching she is retiring and we want you to help wish her well. The party will be held at the White Marsh Elementary School on June 9, at 7:00 p.m. We hope you can make it. Please don't tell her, it's a surprise! We look forward to seeing you.

GRANDPARENTS DAY AT WMES- Grandparents are invited to attend school with their grandchild on Wednesday, May 18th and share in some of the activities. As grandparents, you have a lot to offer the children and Mrs. Reeser, principal at WMES, invites you to take the opportunity to do so.

EASTON ROTARY SPONSORS TRIP- The Easton Rotary is sponsoring its annual trip this year to Hershey Park in recognition of those students achieving academic excellence. This year, 270 students will be attending and a large number of them are from the Trappe area! The Commissioners applaud those students!

BASEBALL AT THE PARK! Baseball has started in earnest. The ball park is a hub of activity almost every day of the week. The public is cordially welcome to come down and support the youngsters as they not only learn and practice the fundamentals of baseball, but as they learn and practice the skills of working together as a team, of accepting defeat, and, of achieving victory!

TALBOT PARTNERSHIP TO MEET AT SCOTT'S There will be a Quarterly meeting of the Talbot Partnership at the Scott's United Methodist Church on June 14th from 5-7 p.m. Child care will be provided, but you must call 819-8067 in advance to make known your need for it. The public is welcome.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND SERVICE- The annual Memorial weekend service at Olde White Marsh Cemetery is scheduled for Sunday, May 29th at 11:00 AM. The service is sponsored by St. Paul's Church of Trappe. The service of prayer and praise will express the memorial theme and all are most welcome. All youth who attend the service will be invited to share in decoration of the graves with flowers. Refreshments will be served following the service.

NOTICE: The Planning and Zoning Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. on May 18th to accommodate to Budget Meeting which will follow at 7:30 p.m.

RECYCLE AT SHORE STOP! Again, a reminder! Please use the new igloos at Shore Stop for recycling newspapers, plastic, glass and metal cans (tin and aluminum). Everyone is encouraged to keep up the good work in recycling as much as possible.

The INDEX is a publication of the Trappe Town Council. We welcome contributions to the Calendar of Events and **short** articles that are of general interest to the Community. Events reported in *The Index* do not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the Town Commissioners. The Council reserves the right to edit or reject any item submitted.